RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2627

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on June 19, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.